

# COST SHARE AGREEMENT Between the MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NORTHEASTERN LAND OFFICE And the DOI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA DISTRICT

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the 23-FI-11015600-048/2023-BLM-MT911-001 Statewide Cooperative Fire Management and Stafford Act Agreement executed between the parties on 01/01/2023 through 12/21/2027. The purpose of this agreement is to allocate financial responsibility and to describe the cost division.

#### **General Incident Information:**

Incident Name: COAL RIDGE

Incident Start Date and Time: 8/29/2023

Origin: State

Township: 24N Range: 18E Section: 36

Estimated Size 1206 Acres at the time of this agreement: 1206

Incident Cause: UNKNOWN

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency Incident # Accounting Code

BLM MT-NCD-000229 QL12 DNRC MT-NCD-000229 903335

Cost Share Period: This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

Start date/time: 8/29/2023 End date/time: End of Incident

## Other conditions relative to this agreement:

- 1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agency or Incident Management Team (IMT) in the fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
- 2. Responsibility for tort claim costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
- 3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
- 4. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
- 5. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.



6. Each agency (including supporting agencies) will bill for their costs as outlined in the Cooperative Fire Management Agreement billing procedures.

## **Protecting Agencies' Strategies:**

Full suppression and perimeter control.

# Cost Share Methodology and Rationale:

The cost share methodology chosen for this fire will be based on acres burned according to ownership and jurisdiction. The DNRC is responsible for fire costs on State and Private lands. The BLM is responsible for fire costs on land with BLM protection. The following is the breakdown of acres burned in the Coal Ridge fire.

Private: 799 BLM: 166 State: 250

# **Final Agency Apportionment:**

#### 1. Federal Share:

a.	USFS	0%
b.	BLM	14%
c.	FWS	0%
d.	NPS	0%
e.	BIA	0%

#### 2. State Share:

a.	MT	86%
b.		%

## **Principal Contacts:**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Clive Rooney	DNRC
Agency Representative	·	
Agency Administrator	Zane Fulbright	BLM
Agency Representative	Josh Barta	BLM
Incident Business	Becky Shepard	DNRC
Advisor(s)	Cienna Mrnak	BLM
	Brandi Van Kleeck	BLM



Incident Commander(s) Other IMT members as appropriate Bill Brooks BLM Jordan Bloxham ICT3 (T) BLM



# **Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
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Signature:

Clive Rooney
NELO Area Manager

Bureau of Land Management
920 NE Main ST
Lewistown MT 59457

Signature:

Zane Fulbright

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Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, Manager

## **Addendums to this Document:**

Addendums to this document include:

Appendix A – Map of Fire Area

Appendix B – Map of Initial Attack Areas